Village of Malcolm

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Happy Holidays

<u>Winter is coming:</u> Please ensure that all vehicles, boats, campers and trailers are removed from the streets so that the Village can properly plow and salt/sand the streets after snow storms.

Please do not park directly across from another vehicle, as it is difficult to get the snow plow between the vehicles. It is also a safety concern for emergency vehicles to get through.

The Village policy for snow removal is; plowing will begin once there is 3" of snow on the ground. It may take a while to get from one end of the town to the other, but plowing will begin once 3" accumulates on the roads.

<u>Speed Limits</u>: The speed limits have been reduced from 40 MPH to 25 MPH from Hudkins Road to Education Drive on Malcolm Road due to the annexation of the sub division on Malcolm Road and Education Drive.

<u>Water/Sewer Rates:</u> After reviewing our financial position, debt obligations, and future needs regarding the water and sewer infrastructure in the Village, the board has decided that an increase in the water and sewer rates is necessary. Attached is a copy of Resolution 2017-12 which explains the charges and their effective date. We understand that no one wants their bill to increase, but we had to weigh that against the long-term sustainability of the Village's aging infrastructure and the ability to meet our debt obligations. If you have questions about what information was considered and how the increase was decided upon, please contact a Village Board Member.

<u>Recycling Center</u>: Please DO NOT leave anything outside of the recycling containers. We have received several complaints; please remember that the plastic/bottle container does have two sides to put your plastic/bottles in, so if one side is full, please take it to the other side.

<u>Dogs</u>: Just a reminder, please bring your dogs in if they continuously keep barking late at night, if your neighbors can hear them, you surely should be able to hear them barking.

Enclosed is an article from the Nebraska Rural Water Association magazine, Issue 4/2017 regarding how everyone can protect the sewer systems and protect the environment, if they are careful as to what is being flushed. Malcolm is not the only Village, Town or City that has issues with items being put down the sewer.

Items the Village Board and Planning Commission members are working on are; updating the Comprehensive Plan, revising the zoning codes; working with Malcolm Youth Sports Association in buying additional land to expand the ball field to the south; working on getting a website for the Village which will have the Village Codes, forms, minutes, agenda's and updates for the Village; updating the Wellhead Protection Plan, working with JEO on a water study and many other items, listed below is the information on meeting times and days, please join us at either meetings.

Village Board meetings as well as the Planning Commission meetings are opened to the public, your input is very important to the continued growth and everyday concerns of the Village. The Board cannot help with any problems that might arise within the Village unless you bring the problems or concerns to the Board. The Planning Commission meetings are held on the last Thursday of the month (they have changed from the last Wednesday to the last Thursday until May, 2018 so that we will have a quorum for the meetings); and the Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month, both beginning at 7:00 p.m. Both are held at the Village Hall, located at 137 East 2nd Street. If you are unable to make the meetings, please email your concerns to Malcolmne@msn.com.

The Malcolm Village Board